

2015 Alumni Survey (Grad Year 2006 - 9 Year Out)**Response Rate**

	Number of Surveys	Number of Responses	Percent Responses
Survey Total	2859	341.0	11.9

Response via online survey or the paper survey?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Online	156	45.7	45.7
Paper	185	54.3	54.3
Total	341	100.0	100.0

Major Code

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
AS-BA	52	15.2	15.2
AS-BS	34	10.0	10.0
ASE-BA	4	1.2	1.2
BA	1	.3	.3
BOT-BA	28	8.2	8.2
BU-BB	39	11.4	11.4
BU-BS	31	9.1	9.1
ED-BS	81	23.8	23.8
ED-BSE	21	6.2	6.2
ED-BSW	12	3.5	3.5
EDE-BS	1	.3	.3
FA-BA	26	7.6	7.6
FA-BM	1	.3	.3
FA-BS	8	2.3	2.3
FAE-BA	2	.6	.6
Total	341	100.0	100.0

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Major Description

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Accountancy	7	2.1	2.1
Afro-American Studies	2	.6	.6
Agriculture	9	2.6	2.6
Art	3	.9	.9
Biology	12	3.5	3.5
Board of Trustees Degree	28	8.2	8.2
Broadcasting	8	2.3	2.3
Chemistry	2	.6	.6
Clinical Laboratory Science	1	.3	.3
Communication	11	3.2	3.2
Communication Sciences & Disorders	8	2.3	2.3
Community Health	1	.3	.3
Computer Science	6	1.8	1.8
Construction Management	7	2.1	2.1
Economics	2	.6	.6
Elementary & JR High Education	7	2.1	2.1
Elementary Education	13	3.8	3.8
Engineering Technology	5	1.5	1.5
English	8	2.3	2.3
Family and Consumer Sciences	9	2.6	2.6
Finance	11	3.2	3.2
Geography	1	.3	.3
Graphic Communication	3	.9	.9
Health Services Management	3	.9	.9
History	13	3.8	3.8
Human Resource Management	1	.3	.3
Information Systems	2	.6	.6
Instructional Technology & Communications	3	.9	.9
Interdisciplinary Studies	2	.6	.6
Journalism	5	1.5	1.5
Kinesiology	10	2.9	2.9
Law Enforcement and Justice Administration	36	10.6	10.6
Management	14	4.1	4.1
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	1	.3	.3
Marketing	3	.9	.9
Mathematics	2	.6	.6
Music	6	1.8	1.8

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Philosophy	3	.9	.9
Physics	2	.6	.6
Political Science	8	2.3	2.3
Psychology	13	3.8	3.8
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Administration	13	3.8	3.8
Social Work	12	3.5	3.5
Sociology	11	3.2	3.2
Spanish	3	.9	.9
Special Education	7	2.1	2.1
Theatre	1	.3	.3
Women's Studies	3	.9	.9
Total	341	100.0	100.0

Graduation Date

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
2006/05	174	51.0	51.0
2006/07	60	17.6	17.6
2006/12	106	31.1	31.1
2006/5	1	.3	.3
Total	341	100.0	100.0

Did the student complete all survey items?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Incomplete	15	4.4	4.5
Complete	322	94.4	95.5
Total	337	98.8	100.0
Missing System	4	1.2	
Total	341	100.0	

Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes, full time	301	88.3	88.3
Yes, part time	20	5.9	5.9
No, but am seeking employment	5	1.5	1.5
No, and am not seeking employment	15	4.4	4.4
Total	341	100.0	100.0

How would you classify your primary employer?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Self-employed or private practice	8	2.3	2.6
Non-profit (non-government)	30	8.8	9.7
Other (please specify):	8	2.3	2.6
Business (industrial, commercial or service)	90	26.4	29.0
Professional firm (e.g., engineering, law)	14	4.1	4.5
College or university	34	10.0	11.0
Public elementary/secondary school	46	13.5	14.8
Private elementary/secondary school	2	.6	.6
Health agency (e.g., hospital, clinic)	21	6.2	6.8
Federal, state, or local government	56	16.4	18.1
Armed services	1	.3	.3
Valid Total	310	90.9	100.0
Missing	31	9.1	
Total	341	100.0	

How would you classify your primary employer?-TEXT

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
A homeless shelter.	1	.3	11.1
Casino/Gaming	1	.3	11.1
Contract Security	1	.3	11.1
grocery store	1	.3	11.1
Health & Wellness company- full HRA services and coaching	1	.3	11.1
Heavy construction	1	.3	11.1
Logistics	1	.3	11.1
Managed Health Care	1	.3	11.1
Religious	1	.3	11.1
Valid Total	9	2.6	100.0
Missing	332	97.4	
Total	341	100.0	

How satisfied are you with your current job?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very satisfied	157	46.0	50.8
Satisfied	97	28.4	31.4
Somewhat satisfied	37	10.9	12.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	9	2.6	2.9
Dissatisfied	6	1.8	1.9
Very dissatisfied	3	.9	1.0
Valid Total	309	90.6	100.0
Missing	32	9.4	
Total	341	100.0	

How closely related is your current job to your bachelor's degree major?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Closely related	139	40.8	45.0
Related	87	25.5	28.2
Unrelated	83	24.3	26.9
Valid Total	309	90.6	100.0
Missing	32	9.4	
Total	341	100.0	

If you marked unrelated, is this by choice?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	56	16.4	68.3
No	26	7.6	31.7
Valid Total	82	24.0	100.0
Missing	259	76.0	
Total	341	100.0	

Please indicate on the list below your primary occupation.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Management	57	16.7	18.9
Health: Doctors	3	.9	1.0
Health: Registered Nurses	4	1.2	1.3
Health: Therapists	7	2.1	2.3
Health: Other Health Practitioners, Professionals, and Support Workers	5	1.5	1.7
Community and Social Service	27	7.9	8.9
Legal: Attorneys/Judges	4	1.2	1.3
Legal: Legal Support Workers	3	.9	1.0
Education: Early Childhood Teachers	5	1.5	1.7
Education: Elementary School Teachers	7	2.1	2.3
Education: Middle School Teachers	5	1.5	1.7
Business Operations	30	8.8	9.9
Education: Secondary School Teachers	7	2.1	2.3
Education: Special Education Teachers	11	3.2	3.6
Education: Other, except Administrators:	14	4.1	4.6
Arts and Design Workers	2	.6	.7
Entertainers, Performers, Sports and Related Workers	1	.3	.3
Media and Communication Workers	3	.9	1.0
Sales	11	3.2	3.6
Office and Administration	7	2.1	2.3
Protective Services	26	7.6	8.6
Financial Specialists	18	5.3	6.0
Food Preparation and Serving	1	.3	.3
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	4	1.2	1.3
Personal Care and Services	2	.6	.7
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	4	1.2	1.3
Construction and Extractive	1	.3	.3

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Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	2	.6	.7
Production	1	.3	.3
Transportation and Material Moving	2	.6	.7
Military	2	.6	.7
Computer Specialists	10	2.9	3.3
Engineers and Related Technicians	8	2.3	2.6
Life and Physical Scientists and Technicians	5	1.5	1.7
Social Scientists	3	.9	1.0
Valid Total	302	88.6	100.0
Missing	39	11.4	
Total	341	100.0	

When did you secure your first job following receipt of your bachelor's degree?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Held the same job while enrolled	23	6.7	7.5
Secured job by time of graduation	77	22.6	25.1
Secured job after graduation	207	60.7	67.4
Valid Total	307	90.0	100.0
Missing	34	10.0	
Total	341	100.0	

How many months after graduation did you secure employment?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than one month	38	11.1	18.4
Between one and three months	47	13.8	22.8
Between three and six months	35	10.3	17.0
Between six and nine months	33	9.7	16.0
More than nine months	53	15.5	25.7
Valid Total	206	60.4	100.0
Missing	135	39.6	
Total	341	100.0	

For how many different employers (companies, firms, agencies, schools, etc. not individual "bosses") have you worked since you earned your bachelor's degree?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
One	69	20.2	22.5
Two	87	25.5	28.4
Three to six	136	39.9	44.4
More than six	14	4.1	4.6
Valid Total	306	89.7	100.0
Missing	35	10.3	
Total	341	100.0	

In general, how well did your bachelor's degree prepare you for your present job?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very well	61	17.9	19.9
Well	107	31.4	35.0
Adequately	105	30.8	34.3
Inadequately	20	5.9	6.5
Poorly	8	2.3	2.6
Very poorly	5	1.5	1.6
Valid Total	306	89.7	100.0
Missing	35	10.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Have you enrolled in a college or university since earning your bachelor's degree?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes, full-time	91	26.7	28.0
Yes, part-time	76	22.3	23.4
No	158	46.3	48.6
Valid Total	325	95.3	100.0
Missing	16	4.7	
Total	341	100.0	

Are you pursuing (or have you completed) an additional degree since earning your bachelor's?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	147	43.1	88.0
No	20	5.9	12.0
Valid Total	167	49.0	100.0
Missing	174	51.0	
Total	341	100.0	

If you are pursuing (or have completed) another degree, please indicate which degree below.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Associate's	3	.9	2.0
Other, please specify	10	2.9	6.8
Second Bachelor's	6	1.8	4.1
Academic Master's (MA, MS, Med, etc.)	77	22.6	52.4
Professional Master's (MBA, MSW, MFA, MPA, etc.) or Education Specialist	39	11.4	26.5
Health Professional (dentistry, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, etc)	3	.9	2.0
Theology/Divinity	1	.3	.7
Law (LLB, JD)	4	1.2	2.7
Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, etc.)	4	1.2	2.7
Valid Total	147	43.1	100.0
Missing	194	56.9	
Total	341	100.0	

If you are pursuing (or have completed) another degree, please indicate which degree below.-TEXT

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Counseling	1	.3	8.3
Culinary	1	.3	8.3
Emergency Medical Technician	1	.3	8.3
I have earned a masters and am working on a PhD	1	.3	8.3
M.S. & MPA	1	.3	8.3

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Master in Info Technology	1	.3	8.3
Master's degree in Teaching earned in 2009. Currently enrolled for a Master's in Counseling	1	.3	8.3
Paralegal Certificate (PBC)	1	.3	8.3
Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	1	.3	8.3
Teaching Certificate	2	.6	16.7
Veterinarian DVM	1	.3	8.3
Valid Total	12	3.5	100.0
Missing	329	96.5	
Total	341	100.0	

In general, how well did your bachelor's degree prepare you for your additional degree program?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Very well	57	16.7	38.3
Well	45	13.2	30.2
Adequately	42	12.3	28.2
Inadequately	4	1.2	2.7
Very poorly	1	.3	.7
Valid Total	149	43.7	100.0
Missing	192	56.3	
Total	341	100.0	

What is your present attitude toward the University (campus)?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly positive	138	40.5	42.7
Positive	145	42.5	44.9
Somewhat positive	23	6.7	7.1
Somewhat negative	13	3.8	4.0
Negative	2	.6	.6
Strongly negative	2	.6	.6
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

What is your present attitude toward your bachelor's degree major?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly positive	111	32.6	34.4
Positive	135	39.6	41.8
Somewhat positive	41	12.0	12.7
Somewhat negative	23	6.7	7.1
Negative	7	2.1	2.2
Strongly negative	6	1.8	1.9
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

If you could start over, would you attend WIU?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	282	82.7	87.6
No, a different institution	32	9.4	9.9
No, would not attend college	8	2.3	2.5
Valid Total	322	94.4	100.0
Missing	19	5.6	
Total	341	100.0	

If you could start over (assuming that you would attend college), would you elect the same major?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	168	49.3	52.2
No, a related major	57	16.7	17.7
No, a totally different major	97	28.4	30.1
Valid Total	322	94.4	100.0
Missing	19	5.6	
Total	341	100.0	

I would recommend WIU to a prospective student.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	22	6.5	6.8
Disagree	3	.9	.9
Slightly disagree	8	2.3	2.5
Slightly agree	25	7.3	7.7
Agree	131	38.4	40.6
Strongly agree	134	39.3	41.5
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Considering my circumstances, I am satisfied with the amount of time it took me to complete my de...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	11	3.2	3.4
Disagree	7	2.1	2.2
Slightly disagree	6	1.8	1.9
Slightly agree	12	3.5	3.7
Agree	153	44.9	47.4
Strongly agree	134	39.3	41.5
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

I believe my degree from WIU represents a good value for the investment I made.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Strongly disagree	15	4.4	4.6
Disagree	7	2.1	2.2
Slightly disagree	10	2.9	3.1
Slightly agree	32	9.4	9.9
Agree	138	40.5	42.7
Strongly agree	121	35.5	37.5
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... successfully transitioning you to college? (i.e., first year experience)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	41	12.0	12.9
Very Helpful	80	23.5	25.2
Moderately Helpful	92	27.0	28.9
Slightly Helpful	73	21.4	23.0
Not Helpful	32	9.4	10.1
Valid Total	318	93.3	100.0
Missing	23	6.7	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... helping you acquire skills for academic achievement?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	30	8.8	9.3
Very Helpful	101	29.6	31.3
Moderately Helpful	79	23.2	24.5
Slightly Helpful	86	25.2	26.6
Not Helpful	27	7.9	8.4
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... helping you to better develop your ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written forms?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	48	14.1	14.8
Very Helpful	97	28.4	29.8
Moderately Helpful	65	19.1	20.0
Slightly Helpful	72	21.1	22.2
Not Helpful	43	12.6	13.2
Valid Total	325	95.3	100.0
Missing	16	4.7	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... helping you to better develop your critical thinking ability?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	52	15.2	16.1
Very Helpful	89	26.1	27.6
Moderately Helpful	63	18.5	19.5
Slightly Helpful	79	23.2	24.5
Not Helpful	40	11.7	12.4
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... helping you to better develop your sense of ethics?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	48	14.1	14.9
Very Helpful	72	21.1	22.4
Moderately Helpful	96	28.2	29.8
Slightly Helpful	74	21.7	23.0
Not Helpful	32	9.4	9.9
Valid Total	322	94.4	100.0
Missing	19	5.6	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... contributing to a greater understanding of people with different backgrounds, habits, values, appearances and abilities?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	45	13.2	13.9
Very Helpful	91	26.7	28.2
Moderately Helpful	72	21.1	22.3
Slightly Helpful	68	19.9	21.1
Not Helpful	47	13.8	14.6
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... preparing you to utilize modern technology in your day-to-day activities?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	28	8.2	8.7
Very Helpful	84	24.6	26.0
Moderately Helpful	97	28.4	30.0
Slightly Helpful	78	22.9	24.1
Not Helpful	36	10.6	11.1
Valid Total	323	94.7	100.0
Missing	18	5.3	
Total	341	100.0	

Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional succes...-... improving the quality of your life aside from financial benefits?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Extremely Helpful	40	11.7	12.3
Very Helpful	80	23.5	24.7
Moderately Helpful	91	26.7	28.1
Slightly Helpful	73	21.4	22.5
Not Helpful	40	11.7	12.3
Valid Total	324	95.0	100.0
Missing	17	5.0	
Total	341	100.0	

There has been increasing concern as to the amount of debt students must incur in order to comple...

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Serious financial problem	35	10.3	11.4
Moderate financial problem	72	21.1	23.4
Minor financial problem	77	22.6	25.0
Not a financial problem	124	36.4	40.3
Valid Total	308	90.3	100.0
Missing	33	9.7	
Total	341	100.0	